Docket No.: 1539.1019

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yasuhiro OMURA

Serial No.: 10/079,519

Group Art Unit: 2851

Confirmation No.: 6694

Filed: February 22, 2002

Examiner: Hung Nguyen

For: PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND

PROJECTION EXPOSURE METHOD

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on June 6, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please **AMEND** the Abstract as follows:

A projection optical system transferring a mask image on a mask onto a substrate and correcting chromatic aberration. A projection exposure system includes at least two refractive optical members collectively containing at least a first fluoride substance and a second fluoride substance, and satisfying the design condition $0.4 < \frac{MX_2}{MX_1} < 0.87$, where MX_1 is the effective

aperture of the surfaces having the largest effective aperture from among the surfaces of the refractive optical members containing the first fluoride substance, MX₂ is the effective aperture of the surfaces having the largest effective aperture from among the surfaces of the refractive optical members containing the second fluoride substance, and MX₁ is greater than MX₂. A

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1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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